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RUENAAA/CNO WASHINGTON DC/ /N3 /NSC/N09B33 / /
RUEAHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC//AF/XOXJ/DPXEQ/ /
RUEACMC /CMC WASHINGTON DC/ / PLJMHM1/ /
RUFGNOA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE/ /ECDC/ECJ1//
INFO RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//ASD/FMP//
RUCBACM/USCINCOM NORFOLK VA/ /JO1 /J1//
RUCJACC/USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL//CCDC/CCJ1//
RHHMUNA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI/ /JO1 /J1//
RUMIAAAA/USCINCSO MIAMI FL//SCDC/SCJ1//
RUPEUNA/USCINCSpace PETERSON AFB CO//UD/J1//
RUCQSOC/USCINCSOC MACDILL AFB FL//SODC/SOJ1//
RUCUSTR/USCINSTRAT OFFUTT AFB NE//J001/J100//
RHCUAAA/USCINCTrans SCOTT AFB IL//TCDC/J1//
RUAGAMS /COMUSKOREA SEOUL KOR/ / FKDC/J1//
RUFQAAA/USNMR SHAPE BE//
RUQNAAA/CJTF OPERATION NORTHERN WATCH INCIRLIK AB TU//CG/C1//
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MSGID/GENADMIN/J1//
SUBS/EXPAND THE AREA OF ELIGIBILITY (AOE) FOR AWARD OF THE ARMED
FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (AFEM) TO OPERATION NORTHERN WATCH (ONW)//
REF/A/JT STAFF MSG 200900Z JUL 98//
AMPN/REF A ANNOUNCED THE ADDITION OF THREE OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE ONW
FOR AWARD OF THE ONE AFEM FOR IRAQ OPERATIONS//
POC/SOARES/MR. /JOINT STAFF J-1/LOC: PENTAGON/TEL: DSN 226-6465//
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1. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF THE AOE CITED IN REF A, FOR AWARD OF THE AFEM TO IRAQ OPERATION NORTHERN WATCH "ONW" (1 JANUARY 1997 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED).
2. THE EXPANDED ONW AOE NOW INCLUDES ONLY THE LAND AREA WITHIN INCIRLIK AIR BASE, TURKEY; THE TOTAL LAND AREA AND AIR SPACE OF THE COUNTRIES OF IRAQ, SAUDI ARABIA, AND KUWAIT; AND THAT PORTION OF THE ARABIAN GULF (PERSIAN GULF) THAT LIES WEST OF 56 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE.

TO QUALIFY FOR AWARD OF THE AFEM FOR ONW, U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS MUST BE DEPLOYED ON OFFICIAL ORDERS TO ONW, SERVE WITHIN THE ONW AOE AS STATED IN PARA 2 ABOVE AS BONA FIDE MEMBERS OF A UNIT OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL, AND MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- (1) BE ENGAGED IN OR DIRECT SUPPORT FOR 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, OR 60 NONCONSECUTIVE DAYS;
- (2) BE ENGAGED IN ACTUAL COMBAT OR DUTY EQUALLY HAZARDOUS AS COMBAT DUTY DURING THE OPERATION WITH ARMED OPPOSITION, REGARDLESS OF TIME IN THE AOE;
- (3) PARTICIPATE AS A REGULARLY ASSIGNED CREW MEMBER OF AN AIRCRAFT FLYING INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER IRAQ AIRSPACE IN SUPPORT OF ONW.

4. PARTICIPANTS ARE ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE AFEM FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THESE IRAQ OPERATIONS: OSW, MIO, VS, ONW, ODT, AND ODF. A 2ND AWARD OF THE AFEM IS ONLY AUTHORIZED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR NONCONSECUTIVE AND NONCONCURRENT ASSIGNMENTS TO SEPARATE OPERATIONS THAT WERE AWARDED THE AFEM (E.G. 1ST FOR SOMALIA OPERATIONS AND 2ND FOR THESE SIX IRAQ OPERATIONS) PROVIDED THE PARTICIPANTS MEET THE CRITERIA FOR EACH. MULTIPLE AWARDS OF THE AFEM FOR ASSIGNMENTS/ROTATIONS TO THE OPERATIONS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED (E.G. SOMALIA'S TWO OPS & IRAQ'S 6 OPS).

5. REQUESTS OR QUESTIONS ON ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD OF THE AFEM SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO HQ USEUCOM (ECJ1-AAD) GERMANY, AT DSN 314-430-7169 OR THROUGH EUCOM WEB PAGE: WWW.EUCOM.MIL/PROGRAMS/AWARDS/INDEX.HTM / /

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